

MINUTES OF DYMOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH HALL ON MONDAY, 7 MARCH 2016

Present: Cllr T Ball (Chairman), Cllr T Blandford, Cllr T Boon, Cllr A J Eagle, Cllr J George, Cllr A Perry, Cllr N Thick and 12 members of the public.

Open Forum:

- (a) Thanks were expressed to the PC to its assistance with ensuring overhanging hedgerows had been cut back, greatly improving visibility in places.
- (b) There was a request to stop drivers parking on the pavement opposite the pub, as it blocked the way of pedestrians.
- (c) It was agreed that parts of the village would benefit from a tidy up/litter pick and it was agreed to do that on 12 March starting at 09.30.

67. Apologies for Absence
There were no apologies.

68. Declarations of Interest
Cllr Blandford declared an interest relating to the planning application at Swords Farm.

69. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 January 2016
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 January 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

70. Matters arising out of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11 January 2016

- a) Affordable Housing** ❶ The transfer of the land had still not taken place although searches etc had been carried out; the relevant documents were still to be signed. Costs were likely to be slightly less than the £2000 originally anticipated. ❷ It was suggested that signs to the car park were needed, as was lighting along the path from it to the main road. Cllrs Ball and Boon would look at possible solutions.
- b) Highways** ❶ Problems with parking outside No 1 Batchfields continued and road surfaces had worsened as a result. 2RH were to be contacted about the situation. ❷ There had been a lot of correspondence about the water and general state of the highway between Brooms Green and Bromsberrow Heath. It was understood Highways would examine the area again. ❸ Water on Crowfield Lane opposite the Shaws' house was still a problem. ❹ The hedge at Windcross still required attention. ❺ It was understood that Highways would fund 50% of monies required for gateways at the Shakesfield end of the village.
- c) Beauchamp Arms** ❶ Work in to the bar floor had been done at a cost of £775, more than originally envisaged as noted at the previous meeting. ❷ Work to the window over the lounge had not been done because of adverse weather conditions. ❸ The lead at the back of the chimney had sunk and required tiles removing, and lead and wood replacing. Cllr Thick estimated the cost would be £300/400 but would obtain quotes; he was happy to quote for the work himself too. He would repair the hole in the roof above the lavatories. It was agreed that once quotes were received for the chimney works, the Chairman would telephone fellow councillors with the prices so that the work could proceed without delay. ❹ Cllr Thick considered that the lining paper in the far bedroom of the tenants' accommodation may be contributing to the

condensation problem as it did not allow the walls to breath. He would suggest to the tenants that paper was removed and appropriate paint used instead.

d) Public Lavatories Nothing to report.

e) Play Area ① Following the public meeting on 23 February, the Chairman and Cllr Boon explained plans for upgrading the play area which was in poor repair and out of date. At the January PC meeting and the subsequent public meeting it had been suggested that monies were borrowed from PWLB to fund the improvements. Equipment would include some for less able children and local parents would be involved to ensure that the equipment suited the needs. Interest rates on 7 March were 1.87% (but changed daily) and it was suggested that a loan of £30,000 should be applied for over a 10 year period. This was agreed; Cllr George abstained. It was also agreed that a subcommittee should be formed in the future involving parents to run the play area and perhaps obtain grants for further equipment. Cllr Eagle agreed to co-ordinate the application to PWLB. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Boon for the enormous amount of work he had done recently on ground work improvements in the play area.

f) Canal No further progress since the previous meeting.

g) Cricket Club The new pavilion was up and there was to be a workforce weekend on 1/2/3 April to clear the site further.

h) Telephone Boxes Cllr Thick reported that a notice board would be installed in the Brooms Green box the following day. When the weather improved he and Cllr George would look at the work required to the Four Oaks box; Mr Acton had kindly offered to paint it. There was sufficient paint remaining for one box but more paint would be required from Invincible Paint for the other boxes.

71. Receipts/Payments

Payments	£
Smith of Derby	858.00
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust	25.00
GAPTC	309.36
Dymock Parish Hall	30.00
Windcross Dairies	330.00
npower	53.89
VAT	480.95
Red Fox New Media	168.00

Receipts - General

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Beauchamp Arms

Payments

N Thick	65.00
A J Eagle	775.00

Receipts

February rental	1836.45 ex VAT
March rental	1836.45 ex VAT

Balance at 29.2.2016: £16411.84

72. Planning Applications

1. **P0003/16/DISCON Storage Barn, Swords Farm, Leddington** Discharge of conditions (04) materials and (05) land contamination assessment relating to planning permission P0504/15/PMBPA for conversion of barn to a single dwelling
2. **P0196/16/PQ3PA Storage Barn, Swords Farm, Leddington** Prior approval for the conversion of a barn to a single dwelling
3. **P0048/16/PQ3PA Burtons Farm** Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house
4. **P0005/16/FUL Dymock Cricket Club** Variation of condition (02) approved plans for change in window material to UPVC, changes to windows and positions, removal of score box and changes to front railing posts of planning permission P1027/15/FUL
5. **P0147/16/FUL Tawneys Farm, Hill End Green** Proposed extension to existing building for livestock and storage
6. **P0232/16/FUL Yew Tree Cottage, Four Oaks** Proposed single storey disabled persons accommodation unit and removal of existing cattery.

73. Planning Decisions

1. **P1842/15/FUL 1 Elm Bridge Villas** Erection of front porch with pitched roof
Decision: Granted Permission
2. **P1523/15/FUL Poets Cottage, The Village** Single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling. **Decision: Granted Permission**
3. **P1853/15/COU 1 High House Cottages, Preston Cross** Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage. **Decision: Granted Permission**

74. Date and format of Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Boon would try to contact a possible speaker as soon as possible so that a date could be organised. Cllr Perry suggested asking Suzanne Hopes, Footpaths Officer, to speak as footpaths were often an issue in the parish.

75. Matters to be raised at next meeting:

1. **Parish Council Solicitor:** to discuss whether Masfields Solicitors was providing a satisfactory service to the Parish Council and what other options were available.

76. Any Other Business/Correspondence for information

1. **Poets Path Potter - Fund raising event for runners and walkers on Saturday, 26 March.** Funds raised to go to Cricket Club, Friends of the Dymock Poets and
2. **Sport for Good** (Ed and Phil charity). Copy of Press Release and supporting paperwork.
3. **St Mary's Church** - letter dated 11 February asking for permission to display sign advertising refreshments from 27 February to 15 April. Agreed.
4. **Gloucestershire Chest Fund Ltd** - letter on 25th Anniversary and various changes within the organisation. Letter ends "parish council donations help us to support local people, of all ages, who suffer from chest or lung disease".
5. **Dymock Parish Hall** - letter requesting permission to advertise on Wintours Green for the following events:

March 26 & 27 - Spring Fayre and Daffodil Weekend
June 5: Dog Show and Strawberry Fayre
September 18: Late Summer Flower Show
October 30: Dymock and District Chrysanthemum Show

These dates were agreed.

5. **The Playing Field** - February newsletter
6. **GCC - notice of road closure.** Junction with Holders Lane to Junction with Normansland Road from 9 - 20 May.
7. **Amey - Parish News** Edition 1 - January 2016 + Highways Guide + memo and Edition 2 - February 2016
8. **Charles Martell** - copy of email to GCC Highways re state of road between Bromsberrow Heath and Brooms Green.
9. **Right of Way from the Crypt** - Cllrs Boon and Ball agreed to look at this as complaints had been received about the state of the surface.

77. Date of next meeting

Monday, 9 May 2016 starting at 7.45pm (plans available from 7.30pm).

Remaining meetings for 2016:

4 July

5 September

7 November

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____